

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, the Abstract and claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been amended, and claims 13-23 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The Abstract is amended to comply with standard U.S. Patent practice format. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are amended for formality that does not narrow the scope. Claim 6 is amended for clarity. Claims 2 and 8 are amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for claim terms.

Support for the amendment claim 2 is found, for example, in paragraph [50] of the specification. Support for claims 13-23 is found throughout the specification and the drawing figures.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1, 5-7 and 9-12 are allowed. The Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 2-4 and 8 recite allowable subject matter.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

On page 2, item 1 of the Office Action, claims 2-4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as indefinite. Specifically, it is stated that there is insufficient antecedent

basis for a claim term in claims 2 and 8. Claims 2 and 8 are amended to obviate the rejection.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. STATEMENT OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

On page 3, item 3 of the Office Action, the allowable subject matter of claims 1, 5-7 and 9-12 is discussed. Applicants agree that relevant claims are allowable. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit this statement cannot be accepted for the purposes of prosecution history estoppel. It is respectfully submitted that the statement is not a complete statement of the reasons for allowance because additional reasons exist for the allowability of the subject matter of claims 1, 5-7 and 9-12, as well as for claims 2-4 and 8. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the reasons for allowance are not limited by the statement contained in the Office Action.

III. NEW CLAIMS

Claims 13-23 are also patentable. Prompt consideration and allowance of claims 13-23 are respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Seth S. Kim, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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